(d) The tax revenues paid by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) account for 51% of Retail Selling Price of Petrol and 25% of Diesel in the prices prevailing in Delhi.

**Enhancement on refining capacity**

782. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for expansion of refineries and enhancement of refining capacity of petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has agreed to review the feasibility of setting up wellhead refinery at Barmer in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the likely cost thereof;

(e) whether there is an increase in the export of petroleum products due to enhancement of refining capacity of public sector oil companies; and

(f) if so, the details of export of petroleum products made during the last three years and current year to date, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The capacity addition over the existing capacity in the refineries of Public Sector oil companies by the terminal year of XIth Five-Year Plan is likely to be as under:-

| Public Sector Oil Companies | Capacity addition during 2007-2012 (MMTPA) |
|---|---|
| Indian Oil Corporation Limited | 19.50 |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited | 18.90 |
| Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited | 8 |
| Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited | 1.70 |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited | 5.39 |
| TOTAL : | 53.49 |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. ONGC has agreed to review the techno-economic feasibility of setting up refinery at Barmer in consultation with Government of Rajasthan including quantum of fiscal support required for establishing viability. The feasibility of setting up the refinery and its revised cost estimate is dependant upon the fiscal support from the Government of Rajasthan.

(e) and (f) Increase in exports of petroleum products depends on a number of factors including increase in refining capacity, decline in demand for certain products in the domestic market, conditions in international oil markets, taxation and regulatory issues. The quantum of export of petroleum products during the last three years and current year is as under:-

| Year | Export (MMT) |
|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 10.66 |
| 2006-07 | 12.76 |
| 2007-08 | 12.85 |
| 2008-09 (April, 2008 to December, 2008) | 7.86 |

**Decontrolling petroleum prices**

783. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of steep fall in prices of crude oil in the past few months, Government has recently reduced prices of petroleum products to benefit customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to free the pricing of petrol and diesel from its control; and

(d) if so, to what extent the decontrol on pricing of petrol and diesel or other petroleum products is going to affect the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) In view of the recent decline in the international oil prices, the Government has reduced the Retail Selling Prices of the sensitive petroleum products on two occasions as indicated below (at Delhi), with corresponding reductions in the rest of the country:

- Effective from 6.12.2008 - Petrol by Rs.5/- per litre and Diesel by Rs.2/- per litre; and
- Effective from 29.1.2009 - Petrol by Rs. 51- per litre, Diesel by Rs.2/- per litre and Domestic LPG by Rs.25/- per cylinder.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Crude oil production by ONGC**

†784.SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 67,000 crore has been invested by the Oil and Natural Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), since last seven years to enhance the production of crude oil in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.